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SUBJECT: VISIT FEI TASK FORCE

REF: STATE 183506

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SUMMARY: AM BRIEFING GIRM AND OTHER DONOR OFFICIALS ON FEI  
TASK FORCE VISIT PER REFTEL. TASK FORCE SHOULD BE AWARE  
THAT VISIT OVERLAPS WITH THAT OF FAO MISSION AND THAT SEVERAL  
KEY OFFICIALS (E.G. UNDP RESREP AND FED DIRECTOR) WILL BE  
OUT OF TOWN DURING THEIR VISIT. ASSUME TASK FORCE HAS FUNDING  
FOR TRANSLATION, SECRETARIAL HELP, TRANSPORT AND OTHER INCIDENTAL  
EXPENSES SUCH AS REPRESENTATION WHICH CANNOT BE COVERED FROM  
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OUR S&E BUDGET.

1. HAVE STARTED BRIEF LOCAL OFFICIALS AND OTHER DONORS ON OBJECTIVES FEI TASK FORCE VISIT AND ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH HANDFUL OFFICIALS HERE WHO DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH DROUGHT. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR VISIT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TASK FORCE UPON ARRIVAL DAKAR. HAVE ALSO REQUESTED RDO DAKAR DISPATCH GRAIN STABILIZATION PROJECT DIRECTOR EDWARDS TO SURVEY HARVEST PROSPECTS MAURITANIA IN ORDER BRIEF FEI TEAM ON THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT SITUATION. IF EMERGENCY USAF C-130 AIRLIFT THEN IN OPERATION, FEI TEAM WILL HAVE BPPOYTUNITY VISIT PROVINCIAL CAPITALS OBSERVE FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND TALK WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE OBLIGED CHARTER AIRCRAFT AT COST DOLLARS 200 PER HOUR IF THEY WISH VISIT INTERIOR DURING THIS RAINY SEASON.

2. TIMING: FEI TASK FORCE SHOULD NOTE THAT THEIR VISIT HERE OVERLAPS WITH THAT OF FAO MISSION. WILL ARRANGE INFORMAL CONTACT BETWEEN TWO GROUPS. TIMING OF FEI ARRIVAL ALSO COINCIDES WITH END VACATION SEASON HERE. SEVERAL KEY OFFICIALS--AMONG THEM THE UNDP RESREP AND THE FED DIRECTOR--WILL STILL BE OUT OF TOWN. MOREOVER, THE HANDFUL OF EXPATRIATE AND GIRM OFFICIALS HERE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH DROUGHT WILL BE HARD PRESSED COPE WITH BOTH FEI AND FAO TEAMS. WE NONETHELESS ASSURED BY ALL CONCERNED THAT GIRM WILL BE PREPARED FOR MISSION VISIT.

3. LOGISTICS: ASSUME FEI TASK FORCE MEMBERS EITHER SPEAK FRENCH OR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BRING INDIVIDUAL TRANSLATORS FOR THEIR SEPARATE MEETINGS FROM DAKAR. OUR SINGLE SECRETARY-TRANSLATOR AND THREE FRENCH-SPEAKING SUBSTANTIVE OFFICERS WILL OTHERWISE BE UNABLE COPE. AM ARRANGING RENT VEHICLES AND HIRE CHAUFFEURS AUGMENT OUR SINGLE DRIVER. BECAUSE OUR REPRESENTATIONAL BUDGET ALMOST USED UP FOR FIRST TWO QUARTERS, HAVE REQUESTED ADO DAKAR HELP OUT WITH THIS ITEM. FOR OTHER EXPENSES WILL NEED FISCAL DATA. MUNPHY

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